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1. The three shift eight hour day for Gdynia stevedores was changed on 1 December 1952 to a two shift 12 hour day.
2. On the first day of the change the stevedores who started work at 7:00 a.m. walked off a [] ship at 3:00 p.m., collected their passes from the police and went home. On the second day the stevedores again stopped work at 3:00 p.m. and when trying to leave the ship were stopped by the police on the quay who refused to give the stevedores their passes which permits them to leave the docks. The men returned on board and walked around until 7:00 p.m. but did not handle any cargo. On the third day, party members joined each gang to explain the need for the change in hours (shortage of labor) and to find the ringleaders. All stevedores stopped work at 3:00 p.m., except the party members, and the latter, finding they were unable to handle the cargo, were forced to stop work.
3. [] the party members were unable to find any ringleaders since all the stevedores stopped work at the same time without anything being said. Furthermore, the men feel very strongly about the change in hours; a large number of them live an hour-and-a-half's journey from Gdynia, giving them a day from door to door of 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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